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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - AD HOC WORKING GROUP
REPORT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. COMMISSION BEGAN GENERAL DEBATE ITEM 10 " VIOLATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, ETC."
2. ERMACORA (AUSTRIA), MEMBER OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP,
INTRODUCED REPORT OF GROUP ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN
GENERAL, COVERED MATERIAL IN REPORT EXCEPT DREW ATTENTION
TO COMMISSION TO LETTER OF ICRC CONTRADICTING TESTIMONY
CONTAINED IN REPORT REGARDING ALLEGED VISIT OF ICRC
TO SAO NICOLAO PRISON CAMP IN ANGOLA (REPORT PARA 367).
ALLEGATIONS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES
RECOUNTED AS SET FORTH IN REPORT.
3. ERIKSEN (NORWAY) INTERVENED TO COMMENT ON THREE
ISSUES: (A) ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION OF BLACK POPULATION
IN SOUTH AFRICA MAINLY RESULT OF EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN
CORPORATIONS, (B) DENIAL RIGHT OF SELF- DETERMINATION IN

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PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, (C) DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN GREECE NAMELY THROUGH TORTURE AND DETENTION WITHOUT
TRIAL.

4. THREE NGO' S INTERVENED : (A) INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN STRESSING VIOLATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN GREECE, (B) INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOVEMENT FOR
THE UNITED NATIONS STRESSING YOUTH REPRESSION AND
MENTIONING ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY NATO TO PORTUGAL, (C) ANTI-
SLAVERY SOCIETY CALLING ATTENTION TO SITUATION OF IRANIAN
BRIDES IN ZANZIBAR, HUNTING AND SALE OF INDIGENOUS TRIBES
IN PARAGUAY AND PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIAN MINORITY IN INDIA.

5. VAN BOVEN (NETHERLANDS) JOINED AND SUPPORTED NORWEGIAN
REP IN CALLING ATTENTION TO SITUATION IN GREECE. DEBATE
FOR AFTERNOON SESSION THURSDAY CONCLUDED BY DIAZ- CANANUEVA
(CHILE) WHO MADE RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION THAT REPORT
OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON SOUTHERN AFRICA BE CONVEYED
TO THE OSLO CONFERENCE AS A BASIC DOCUMENT OF THE
CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, CASANUEVA ALLEGED THAT MAJOR
PROBLEM IN NAMIBIA AROSE FROM " INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
EXPLOITING NATURAL RESOURCES " AND THAT REPORT SHOULD
INCLUDE A DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER.

7. USDEL ASSUMES THAT DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO DELEGATION SUPPORTING OR REMAINING SILENT REGARDING
CASANUEVA' S RECOMMENDATION THAT AD HOC WORKING GROUP
REPORT BE CONVEYED TO OSLO CONFERENCE. RIMESTAD

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